Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the Government have not fully accepted the recommendation of the Director?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. But that is all we can do at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—His recommendations should be put into practice The Government have added "so far as possible." Subject to this the Government have accepted the reccommendations. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is absolutely clear to me as well as to the rest of the House, I believe. The principle of segregation has been accepted and it is the only way to deal with this disease. To the question whether accommodation can be had for more patients, the answer is obviously "No." Therefore the phrase "so far as possible" was added.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what is the most important cause of this disease?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Contagion with lepers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How does it originate?

(No answer).

South Bazaar road—Kunnamkulam.

6. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the answer to question No. 333, dated 23rd March 1934:—

(a) whether the acquisition is completed; and if not

(b) at what stage it is;

(c) what steps have been taken to utilise the amount in full and open the road before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) The draft declaration for the acquisition of sites has been published.

(c) The acquisition will be finished before the year is out. The road work can be started only after the sites are taken possession of.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(c) What steps have been taken to utilise the amount in full and open the road before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question has been answered there. I don't know what the supplementary question is.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is, what steps have been taken by the Government to utilise the amount in full before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amount required to that extent of the acquisitions will be utilised. Nothing further can be done before the land is bought. No further interpretations and commentaries are required.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the full amount be utilised this year itself?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We should first receive the award that is now under preparation. We cannot anticipate the figure at this stage. How can we say before that whether the entire amount will be spent or a few rupees will remain unspent as balance?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Since the amount was provided in the current year's budget, should not the Government see that the full amount is utilised? Otherwise the amount will lapse.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is exactly for that purpose that the acquisition is being hurried through There is also the provision to carry it over to the next year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—We want to get things expedited. What was the delay in acquisition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not admit there has been any delay at all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the acquisition has been prolonged for these twelve months? Is this not delay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It cannot be said that there has been delay because the acquisition has not been got through for the last 12 months.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it the practice of the Government to prolong the acquisition for 12 months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are several stages to be gone through. There are several parties to be consulted and several points to be considered and in such matters we cannot hurry on with these things. We are bound by certain rules and regulations.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what are those rules and regulations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I would refer the Hon'ble Member to the Land Revenue Manual.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the usual time for acquisition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no fixed limit.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the maximum time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nor maximum time either.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do not the Government follow any fixed rule or practice to see that the amount provided in a particular year is utilised in the same year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—And what are those steps in this connection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The very existence of the

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Government and the department is for that purpose. No further rules are required.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I would like to know whether the amount will be utilised next year.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I said it will be carried over to next year. It was always the practice. It is not the peculiarity of this item of expenditure alone.

Vernacularisation of non-language subjects.

7. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to read the answers to questions Nos. 9 (b) dated 22nd January 1934 and 307 dated 21st March 1934 and state the reason for not discontinuing the system in the Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam, in spite of the report of the Headmaster of the institution against continuing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Headmaster found that the system of teaching non-language subjects through the medium of the vernacular could not be suddenly discontinued in all the three Upper Secondary forms soon after his report. A beginning has been made in Form IV.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what were the reasons which persuaded the Headmaster to do so?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, The Hon'ble Member wants the report of the Headmaster. The main question is that the teaching of non-language subjects was found impracticable partly due to the want of terminology and technique, and unfamiliarity of the teachers themselves in the technical line.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question was with regard to the reason for not discontinuing the system.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Any system or mode which is started in the fourth form has to run for a period of 3 years. This was started in the fourth form and until they have passed out it is difficult to change the system. Now if suddenly in the sixth form the subjects are taught in another language, it would be very difficult for the teachers as well as the students. So the present fifth and sixth form students have to pass out before the system can be discontinued.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was it introduced by one class after another?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it was introduced first in the fourth and fifth form.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then what objection is there in discontinuing it in the fourth and fifth form?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If a mistake was once committed why should it be repeated?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the Government accept that a mistake has been committed.

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